

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DR. AMBEDKAR NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES FOR SC/ST STUDENTS

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the main components of the Dr. Ambedkar National Scholarship Scheme for meritorious Students belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes;
- (b) the provision made and help extended to SC/ST students year-wise, since the inception of the Scheme;
- (c) whether any evaluation has been made about the extent to which the scheme has helped the poorer students in pursuing higher education; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MEIRA KUMAR)

(a) The Scheme provides one time grant given to students of each of the 26 State/UT/Centre Board of Secondary Education separately to SC and ST students as per the following norms:-

- i) Students securing highest marks Rs.60,000/-
- ii) Students securing second highest marks Rs.50,000/-
- iii) Students securing third highest marks Rs.40,000/-
- iv) Girl students securing highest mark in Rs.40,000/-
case she is not in the above three categories

Separately 250 students are awarded the special merit scholarships @ Rs.10,000/- each which are given to SC/ST students securing next highest marks after 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions keeping in view the SC and ST population of the country as per 1991 census. The details of the Scheme are available on the Website ambedkarfoundation.nic.in.

(b) Since the inception of the scheme i.e. 2001-2002, the Foundation has given assistance for an amount of Rs. 68,30,000/- for the year 2001-02 which was distributed among 283 students from 19 States/UTs. In addition Scholarships amounting to Rs.7.6 lakhs are being sent to 28 students for the year 2001-02. For the year 2002-03, the Foundation has decided to distribute an amount of Rs. 26,20,000/- among 85 students from 08 States from where the information has already reached.

There is a budget provision of Rs. 130 lakhs per annum to meet the expenditure on running the said Scheme.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.